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1. Introduction

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) through its Office of Environmental Assessment administers and reviews the Louisiana Surface Water Quality Standards as Title 33 Louisiana Administrative Code, Part IX, Chapter 11. The Office of Environmental Services is also charged with the responsibility of maintaining and enhancing the waters of the State through the permit process. This document establishes procedures to effectively incorporate the water quality standards into wastewater discharge permits. Although all applications for permits to discharge wastewaters are considered on a case-by-case basis, the Office of Environmental Services believes that a consistent approach to application reviews is important. A permit applicant may provide information and data throughout the technical review period, additional to that required by the Secretary, to assist the Office of Environmental Services staff in the site specific assessment and draft permit development. All preliminary determinations by the Office of Environmental Services staff in the development of a permit - including instream uses, impact analysis, antidegradation, effluent limits, and all other specifications of the permit - are subject to additional review and revisions through the public review/hearing process.

2. Application of Numerical Standards and Use Attainability

Numerical criteria as specified in LAC 33:IX.1113.C will be applied for the appropriate designated water use(s) on each water body. Both aquatic life and human health criteria as specified in LAC 33:IX.1113.C. will be reviewed and the most stringent applied for the corresponding designated use on each water body. In cases where no numerical criteria are specified, regulation of toxic substances will follow LAC 33:IX.1121. The appropriate criteria will be applied to the specified waterbodies and to their tributaries, distributaries, and interconnected streams and water bodies if they are not specifically named, unless it can be shown through a use attainability analysis that unique chemical, physical, and/or biological conditions indicate that the uses designated are not appropriate and/or that site specific criteria based on appropriate uses can be developed. Those water bodies designated as intermittent streams, man-made watercourses, naturally dystrophic waters, wetlands, or waterbodies with site-specific criteria may be excluded from some numerical criteria as specified in LAC 33:IX.1123 and/or LAC 33:IX.1113.C. Numerical criteria applied to named water bodies to specifically protect their use as drinking water supplies, oyster propagation, or outstanding natural resource waters will not apply to tributaries and distributaries of these water bodies unless so specified. In addition, the variance procedure specified in LAC 33:IX.1109.D may be used to temporarily suspend criteria or to provide time to research site specific criteria on case-by-case basis.

Copper	1.04×10^6	-0.74	2.85×10^6	-0.90
Lead (*3)	2.80×10^6	-0.8	2.04×10^6	-0.53
Mercury	2.90×10^6	-1.14	1.97×10^6	-1.17
Nickel	0.49×10^6	-0.57	2.21×10^6	-0.76
Zinc	1.25×10^6	-0.70	3.34×10^6	-0.68

- (*1) Delos, C. G., W. L. Richardson, J. V. DePinto, R. B. Ambrose, P. W. Rogers, K. Rygwelski, J. P. St. John, W. J. Shaughnessy, T. A. Faha, W. N. Christie. Technical Guidance for performing Waste Load Allocations. Book II: Streams and Rivers. Chapter 3: Toxic Substances, For the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. (EPA-440/4-84-022)
- (*2) Linear partition coefficients shall not apply to the Chromium VI numerical criterion. The approved analytical method for Chromium VI measures only the dissolved form. Therefore, permit limits for Chromium VI shall be expressed in the dissolved form. See 40 CFR ' 122.45(c)(3).
- (*3) "Guidance on Interpretation and Implementation of Aquatic Life Criteria for Metals", February, 1992, Health and Ecological Criteria Division, Office of Science and Technology, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In lieu of a Louisiana site specific model, the formula for Texas estuaries has been adopted for Louisiana estuaries:

$$K_D = 10^b \times TSS^m$$

K_D = Linear partition coefficient
TSS = suspended solids concentration,
lowest 15th percentile, receiving stream.
Units are in mg/L.

b = Intercept, found from Table 2

m = Slope, found from Table 2 below

C_D/C_T = Fraction of metal dissolved

Cr = Dissolved Criteria value for
metal in water quality standards

$$\frac{C_D}{C_T} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(K_D)(TSS)}{1 \times 10^6}}$$

$$\text{Total Metal} = Cr / (C_D/C_T)$$

Table 2
LINEAR PARTITION COEFFICIENTS FOR PRIORITY METALS IN ESTUARIES
(Benoit and Santschi, 1991)*

Metal	Intercept (b)	Slope (m)

Copper	4.86	-0.72
Lead	6.06	-0.85
Zinc	5.36	-0.52

* Benoit, G. and Santschi, P. H., 1991. Trace Metals in Texas Estuaries. Prepared for the Texas Chemical Council. Texas A & M University at Galveston, Department of Marine Sciences.

The only site specific input into the models is the lowest 15th percentile TSS data from the sub-segment or nearest sub-segment receiving waterbody as indicated in the Water Quality Management Plan, Louisiana Water Quality Data Summary.

The Office of Environmental Services will determine the lowest 15th percentile TSS values using data from the Water Quality Data Summary or USGS data or other data sources in lieu of site specific data. The permittee may supply site specific lowest 15th percentile TSS (mg/L) and 2 year hardness (as CaCO₃) (mg/L) data (minimum 2 year data set with a 1/month monitoring frequency) included with the facility's application if the permittee wants site specific consideration. Effluent TSS may be used in determining the TSS of the receiving waters on a case-by-case basis. An applicable example would be an effluent dominated stream. An effluent dominated stream, for the purposes of this discussion, would be defined as stream containing at least 50% or more effluent (maximum 30-day flow) during critical flow events.

If there is no partition coefficient listed for a metal in question, then dissolved to total ratio (C_d/C_t) shall equal 1. The metal will be evaluated as if the dissolved concentration equals the total recoverable concentration.

A compliance schedule may be established for a period of up to 3 years. Monitoring requirements or appropriate technology based effluent limitations established pursuant to 40 CFR 122.44.(a) will be established during the interim period. The permittee may develop a site-specific linear partition coefficient during the interim period. A water quality reopener clause may be placed in the permit to allow for a permit modification using a site-specific linear partition coefficient for the metal of concern.

If a water-quality based limit is required for mercury in either fresh, estuarine or marine waters after the linear partition coefficient (Table 1), effluent variability (5.A.), and screening (5.B.) have been applied, then this Office may require that the edible portion of aquatic species of concern must be analyzed to determine whether the concentration of methyl mercury exceeds the FDA action level (1.0 mg/kg) in accordance with LAC 33.IX.1113, Table 1. At this Office's option the FDA action level of 1.0 mg/kg for methyl mercury shall be limited in the permit in lieu of total or dissolved water quality based limits. Exceedances of the FDA action level shall be handled in accordance with LAC 33.IX.1113, Table 1, footnote 10. The permittee shall

submit an aquatic species tissue sampling plan and analysis for approval by this Office. New discharges may be granted a compliance schedule (9.).

4. Mixing Zone and Related Flows

A. General permitting applications:

Acute aquatic life toxicity numerical criteria shall be applied at the edge of the zone of initial dilution (ZID). Chronic aquatic life toxicity numerical criteria shall be applied at the edge of the mixing zone (MZ). Human health criteria are to be met below the point of discharge after complete mixing. No mixing zones or fractions of flow shall apply to human health criteria. For aquatic life waterbody categories 1 through 4, we will use the fractions of critical flow listed in LAC:33:IX.1115, Table 2a. For human health waterbody categories 1 through 3, we will use the appropriate flow listed in LAC:33:IX.1115, Table 2b. For aquatic life waterbody categories 5 through 7, we will use the radial distances listed in LAC:33:IX.1115, Table 2a. For human health waterbody categories 4 through 6, we will determine the mixing conditions on a case-by-case basis.

The Office of Environmental Services will normally make use of the following to calculate water quality based limits:

1. The maximum 30-day average flow for the last 2 years for industrial dischargers;
2. Shall use the design flow for designated POTWs;
3. The expected flow, for other treatment works treating domestic sewage which are not designated POTW's based upon (a) the most recent "Sewage Loading Guidelines", Appendix B, Chapter XIII of the State of Louisiana Sanitary Code or (b) other applicable data approved by the Department.

B. Man-made water courses:

Where available, site-specific critical flow and harmonic mean flow will be applied to man-made water courses. In the absence of site-specific flow data, this Office shall consider each situation on a case by case basis.

The uses designated for the man-made watercourse may determine whether the flow used should be that of the man-made watercourse or that of the next downstream waterbody. Uses that are not designated for the man-made watercourse will be protected in the next downstream waterbody.

C. Critical Flow and Harmonic Mean Flow Determinations

Tidal Flows

The tidal flow algorithm as used by DEQ uses the "tidal prism" principle, with inputs of (1) the affected surface area (upstream of the point at which the determination is made), (2) the tidal range, and (3) the period of elapsed time covered by the tidal range to determine the "average or typical flow averaged over one tidal cycle".

1. Determine the surface area upstream of the discharge point affected by the tidal range that will be determined in the computation (See Item 2 below).
2. Determine the typical tidal range (in feet) that affects the surface discussed in Item 1 above. The range is the vertical distance between "high" and "low" tide elevations and occurs in one-half of the tidal cycle.
3. Multiply the surface area by the tidal range to determine the volume of water stored (or released from storage) during the tidal half-cycle. The unit of volume is the cubic foot.
4. Divide the volume calculated in Item 3 by the number of seconds in the tidal half-cycle. The result (in cubic feet per second) is defined as the average discharge necessary to store (or release) this computed volume of water in the time defined by the tidal half-cycle. This is the "average or typical flow averaged over one tidal cycle."
5. The average discharge computed in Item 4 is then divided by three to arrive at the "critical flow" used to determine effluent limits for aquatic life criteria. Effluent limits for human health criteria shall be calculated using the average flow calculated in Item 4.

Low Flow Calculations

DEQ uses the following protocol to determine the 7Q10 at ungaged sites. Use of Technical Report 35 "**Analysis of the Low-Flow Characteristics of Streams in Louisiana**" is recommended. Equations used require the determination of:

1. Drainage Area, (A), in square miles,
2. Annual Precipitation, (P), in inches per year,
3. Channel Slope, (S), between the 10% and 85% main channel length, in feet per

The Annual Precipitation is determined from a map contained in TR-35 that must be used. Drainage area and channel slope can be measured from 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps.

For region 2 as delineated in TR-35:

$$7Q10 = 1.22 \times 10^{-6} \times A^{1.10} \times (P-35)^{3.15} \times S^{0.68};$$

For region 3 as delineated in TR-35:

$$7Q10 = 2.37 \times 10^{-4} \times A^{1.01} \times (P-35)^{0.85} \times S^{0.94};$$

where the 7Q10 is defined as "the discharge for 10-year recurrence interval taken from a frequency curve of annual values of the lowest mean discharge for 7 consecutive days, in cubic feet per seconds (ft^3/s) and A, P, S, have been previously defined.

Regions 1 and 4 have no developed equations. Many of the streams in both these areas either go dry during the year or go stagnant with no discernable flow. At streams in these two areas where there is no measured stream flow, a good estimate of the 7Q10 is zero.

Another method that can be employed is to use a drainage area ratio. The 7Q10 at a gaged site can be transferred to a nearby stream by taking the ratio of the two drainage areas and multiplying it by the known 7Q10 at the gaged site. The two streams should be in the same hydrologic region. This method has less certainty than using the equations.

Use of either method must be taken with caution. The relationship between the 7Q10 and basin characteristics is very hard to define and the equations presented are only estimates. There can be a high degree of variability.

In cases where the critical flow is less than or equal to 0.1 cfs, 0.1 cfs shall be the default critical flow for streams not designated intermittent at LAC 33.IX.1123, Table 3.

Harmonic Mean Flow

Harmonic Mean Flow (HMF) will be computed using the program originated by EPA as outlined in the Technical Support Document (EPA, 1991) and available on STORET to compute the HMF when sufficient streamflow data is available. This program runs on data from streamflow stations with data in STORET and adjusts the HMF for zero flow events within the data. The HMF may be used directly if the discharge outfall site is on the same stream and near the streamflow station; the HMF for the outfall site may be estimated on the basis of relative drainage area if the discharge station site is upstream or downstream of the outfall site. If the outfall site is on a different stream, the HMF will be estimated on the basis of relative drainage area (a flow per square mile) if the two stream basins can be said to be hydrologically similar (shape, soils, elevations, rainfall, vegetation, cultural features, etc.) Use of a drainage area basis is considered technically feasible because the average flow events (arithmetic mean, harmonic mean) are strongly associated with rainfall events and the surface area exposed to those events. To avoid gross errors, good judgement is called for in ascribing "likeness" to the two basins. In cases where the harmonic mean flow is less than or equal to 1 cfs, 1 cfs shall be the default harmonic mean flow for streams not designated intermittent at LAC 33.IX.1123, Table 3.

D. Prevention of Impacts from Overlapping Mixing Zones

To assure that water uses are not impaired due to effluent mixing in areas of drinking water intakes and overlapping mixing zones, DEQ has in place a

variety of assessment programs. On a biennial basis for the Section 305(b) Water Quality Inventory, DEQ reviews available water quality data to prepare a list of impaired waterbodies as required under Section 303(d). Those waterbodies identified on the 303(d) list are further evaluated and screened for the source of impairment and whether they are due to overlapping mixing zones. In addition to this effort, DEQ takes the following steps to insure the protection of drinking water intakes:

1. Permit writer will consider proximal point source dischargers and drinking water intakes during permit development.
2. DEQ will acquire information from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (LDHH), Safe Drinking Water Program Section, regarding exceedances of maximum contaminant levels (MCL's) in surface drinking water supplies. This information will be summarized in the biennial Water Quality Inventory [305(b) Report]. Monthly ambient monitoring data for organic pollutants collected on the Mississippi River will also be assessed to determine whether impairment of water quality or uses is occurring.
3. If a water quality problem in a waterbody and/or at a drinking water supply is identified, the discharger's effluent data will be examined to determine whether the pollutant causing the criteria exceedance is discharged by the permittee.
4. If a use impairment is suspected, the Engineering Section will conduct a site-specific study to determine the degree of impact resulting from the discharger.

5. Establishing Permit Limits

DEQ will require water quality based limits for pollutants that are present in the discharge as determined by appropriate sampling or are involved in the manufacturing process. The Office will consider effluent variability in the derivation of permit limits using EPA's Technical Support Document¹ (TSD) procedures.

A. Limit Derivation

This derivation process applies to all pollutants where chronic aquatic life are to be met at the edge of the mixing zone (MZ), acute aquatic life criteria are to be met at the edge of the zone of initial dilution (ZID), and human health criteria are to be met below the point of discharge after complete mixing (LAC 33:IX.1115.C). Freshwater aquatic criteria will be used for waters with average ambient salinity less than 2,000 parts per million (ppm) (LAC 33:IX.1121.B.3.b.iii.(a)). Marine aquatic criteria will be used

¹Technical Support Document for Water Quality-based Toxics Control, EPA Pub. No. 505/2-90-001, PB91-127415, March 1991.

for waters with average ambient salinity greater than or equal to 2,000 ppm (LAC 33:IX.1121.B.3.b.iii.(b)). Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) type WLA's shall be used in lieu of a site-specific dilution (Complete Mix Balance Model, Fischer Model, etc.) type WLA's as they are developed. TMDL type WLA's account for all known and unknown sources of a pollutant with each known source receiving a certain fraction of the TMDL. TMDL and respective WLA calculation procedures shall be in accordance with EPA protocol expressed in the document, "Guidance for Water Quality-Based Decisions: The TMDL Process", EPA 440/4-91-001. Intermittent discharges will be handled on a best professional judgement basis.

Complete Mix Balance Model for Waste Load Allocation and Critical Dilution:

Dilutions at the edge of the Mixing Zone (MZ), the Zone of Initial Dilution (ZID), after complete mixing using harmonic mean and full 7Q10 flow (no fraction of flow), and allowable effluent concentrations at End of Pipe (EOP) for waterbody categories 1, 2, 3, and 4 (LAC 33:IX.1115, Tables 2a and for waterbody categories 1,2,3 (LAC 33:IX.1115, Table 2b.) are typically calculated using the Complete Mix Balance Model. However, other dilution models may be used as appropriate upon agreement by the this Office and EPA Region 6, Water Management Division:

Formulas :

$$\text{Dilution Factor} = Q_e / ([Q_{ra}, Q_{rnhnc}, Q_{rnhc}] * F_s + Q_e)$$

$$WLA = (Cr / \text{Dilution Factor}) - (F_s * [Q_{ra}, Q_{rnhnc}, Q_{rnhc}] * Cu / Q_e)$$

Q_e = Plant effluent in MGD.

$Q_{ra}, Q_{rnhnc}, Q_{rnhc}$ = Critical flow or harmonic mean flow of receiving stream, MGD, LAC 33:IX.1115, Tables 2a and 2b. Q_{ra} is the critical flow (7Q10) of the receiving stream that applies to aquatic life numerical criteria. Mixing zones and fractions of flow shall apply. Q_{rnhnc} is the 7Q10 of the receiving stream that applies to human health non-carcinogen numerical criteria. Fractions of flow shall not apply. Q_{rnhc} is the harmonic mean flow of the receiving stream that applies to Human Health carcinogens. Fractions of flow shall not apply.

F_s = MZ, ZID flow fraction, LAC 33:IX.1115, Table 2a. For Human Health criteria (carcinogens and non-carcinogens), F_s is always assumed to = 1.

Cr = Numerical criteria value from LAC 33:IX.1113, Table 1 (toxics).

Cu = Ambient instream concentration for pollutant. In the absence of accurate supporting data, assume $Cu = 0$.

WLA = Concentration for pollutant at end-of-pipe based on Aquatic Life and Human Health numerical criteria (site specific dilution type)

If the calculated value of WLA is less than or equal to zero, then WLA shall equal zero.

Fischer Model for Waste Load Allocation and Critical Dilution:

The Fischer model for pipe discharges (the simple model outlined on page 328 of "Mixing in Inland and Coastal Waters") and the Fischer variation for canals will be used for dilution calculations for aquatic life waterbody categories 5, 6, and 7 (LAC 33:IX.1115, Table 2a) in the absence of site specific data or until a model is developed specifically for Louisiana. If the applicant can provide site specific data, this data may be used in lieu of the Fischer model. For human health waterbody categories 4,5, and 6, mixing conditions will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Formulas:

Discharge from a pipe:

$$\text{Critical Dilution} = \frac{(2.8) P_w p^{1/2}}{P_f}$$

$$WLA = \frac{(Cr-Cu) P_f}{(2.8) P_w p^{1/2}}$$

Discharge from a canal:

$$\text{Critical Dilution} = \frac{(2.38) (P_w^{1/2})}{(P_f)^{1/2}}$$

$$WLA = \frac{(Cr-Cu) P_f^{1/2}}{2.38 P_w^{1/2}}$$

Pf = Allowable plume distance in feet, specified in LAC 33:IX.1115, Table 2a, for aquatic life criteria. Allowable plume distance for human health criteria shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Pw = Pipe width or canal width in feet

Cr = Numerical criteria value from LAC 33:IX.1113, Table 1 (toxics).

Cu = Ambient instream concentration for pollutant. In the absence of accurate supporting data, assume Cu = 0.

WLA= Concentration for pollutant at end-of-pipe based on aquatic life and human health numerical criteria (site specific dilution type)

For Cr, WLA, and Cu, keep units consistent, i.e., if Cr is in ug/L then WLA, LTA, and Cu will be in ug/L.

The following individual WLA's (either site-specific dilution or TMDL type) are converted to long term averages (LTA) and permit limits using multipliers derived below (Derivation of Multipliers) based on TSD procedures:

WLA_a (ZID, acute allowable effluent concentration, EOP)

WLA_c (MZ, chronic allowable effluent concentration, EOP)

WLA_h (human health allowable effluent concentration, EOP)

1) Derivation of Multipliers for Calculating Long Term Average (LTA) and Permit Limits:

<u>Assumptions</u>	<u>Basis</u>
$n_1 = 4$ day averaging period for chronic LTA.	Based on TSD recommendations in Chapter 2 section 2.3.4, Duration for Single Chemicals and Whole Effluent Toxicity p 35, and Appendix C pp D-2 to D-3.
$CV = 0.6$	Based on TSD recommendations, Chapter 5, section 5.5.2, Coefficient of Variation, p 107, and Appendix A.
$Z_1 = 2.326$, 99% probability basis for WLA --> LTA and LTA--> Daily Max $Z_2 = 1.645$, 95% probability LTA --> Daily Avg	Based on effluent discharge from a treatment system fitting a lognormal distribution (See sections 5.2.2, 5.3.1, and Appendix E). 99% and 95% probabilities selected on the basis of recommendations in Chapter 5, section 5.5.4 in the TSD.
$n_2 = 12$ samples per month	12 was selected on the basis of the 3/week monitoring frequency policy for pollutants of concern in major permits.

Multiplier Calculations for all waterbodies:

Derivation of LTA:

a) 99%, Acute (LTA_a):

$$\begin{aligned}
 LTA_a &= WLA_a \times e^{[0.5 \ln(CV^2 + 1) - Z_1 (\ln(CV^2 + 1))^{1/2}]} \\
 &= WLA_a \times e^{[0.5 \ln(0.6^2 + 1) - 2.326 (\ln(0.6^2 + 1))^{1/2}]} \\
 &= WLA_a \times 0.3211
 \end{aligned}$$

b) 99%, Chronic (LTA_c):

$$\begin{aligned}
 LTA_c &= WLA_c \times e^{[0.5 \ln(CV^2/n_1 + 1) - Z_1 (\ln(CV^2/n_1 + 1))^{1/2}]} \\
 &= WLA_c \times e^{[0.5 \ln(0.6^2/4 + 1) - 2.326 (\ln(0.6^2/4 + 1))^{1/2}]} \\
 &= WLA_c \times 0.5274
 \end{aligned}$$

c) Human Health (LTA_h):

$$LTA_h = WLA_h = \text{Maximum 30-Day Value}$$

Therefore, LTA multipliers for Louisiana Waterbodies:

$$LTA_a = WLA_a \times 0.32$$

$$LTA_c = WLA_c \times 0.53$$

$$LTA_h = WLA_h$$

2) Conversion of LTA into Permit Limits:

a) 12 samples, 99% Daily Maximum:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Daily Maximum} &= LTA \times e^{[Z_1 (\ln(CV^2 + 1))^{1/2} - 0.5 \ln(CV^2 + 1)]} \\ &= LTA \times e^{[2.326 (\ln(0.6^2 + 1))^{1/2} - 0.5 \ln(0.6^2 + 1)]} \\ &= LTA \times 3.114 \end{aligned}$$

b) 12 samples, 95% Maximum 30-Day Value:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximum 30-Day Value} &= LTA \times e^{[Z_2 (\ln(CV^2/n_2 + 1))^{1/2} - 0.5 \ln(CV^2/n_2 + 1)]} \\ &= LTA \times e^{[1.645 (\ln(0.6^2/12 + 1))^{1/2} - 0.5 \ln(0.6^2/12 + 1)]} \\ &= LTA \times 1.307 \end{aligned}$$

c) 12 samples, 99% Human Health:

$$\text{Maximum 30-Day Value} = WLA = LTA$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Daily Maximum} &= \text{Max 30-Day} \times \frac{e^{[Z_1 (\ln(CV^2 + 1))^{1/2} - 0.5 \ln(CV^2 + 1)]}}{e^{[Z_2 (\ln(CV^2/n_2 + 1))^{1/2} - 0.5 \ln(CV^2/n_2 + 1)]}} \\ &= \text{Max 30-Day} \times \frac{e^{[2.326 (\ln(0.6^2 + 1))^{1/2} - 0.5 \ln(0.6^2 + 1)]}}{e^{[1.645 (\ln(0.6^2/12 + 1))^{1/2} - 0.5 \ln(0.6^2/12 + 1)]}} \\ &= \text{Maximum 30-Day Value} \times \frac{3.114}{1.307} \\ &= \text{Maximum 30-Day Value} \times 2.38 \end{aligned}$$

3) Select the most limiting LTA to derive permit limits (Water Quality Based Limits, (WQBL's)):

If aquatic life LTA is more limiting:

Daily Maximum = $\text{Min}(\text{LTA}_a, \text{LTA}_c) \times 3.11$
Maximum 30-Day Value = $\text{Min}(\text{LTA}_a, \text{LTA}_c) \times 1.31$

If human health LTA is more limiting:

Daily Maximum = $\text{LTA}_h \times 2.38$
Maximum 30-Day Value = LTA_h

The resulting allowable effluent concentration is converted into a mass value using the following formula:

Daily Maximum concentration and Maximum 30-Day concentration are converted to lbs/day. Concentration units are in mg/L, flow units are in MGD, and mass unit are in lbs/day.

Daily Maximum concentration $\times Q_e \times 8.34$ = Daily Maximum mass
Maximum 30-Day concentration $\times Q_e \times 8.34$ = Maximum 30-Day mass

This represents the total water quality based mass limit available to the facility for discharge.

The basis for the assumptions used in the derivation of these multipliers is the Technical Support Document, as stated above. Other coefficients of variation, monitoring frequencies, and probability bases may be considered on a site-specific basis by the Office. The burden of demonstrating that such other bases are more appropriate for the facility's discharges lies with the applicant.

B. Determining the need for Water Quality Based Limits:

1) Screen against technology-based limits

If technology-based limits are present for the pollutant being screened then the calculated technology-based mass limits are screened against the calculated effluent water quality based mass limits. The screen is conducted for both maximum 30-day and daily maximum values. For example, it is possible to have a daily average effluent WQBL and a daily maximum technology-based limit for the same pollutant.

If the screen indicates that an effluent WQBL is more limiting than the technology-based limit for a particular pollutant, then that effluent WQBL shall be placed in the permit (40 CFR ' 122.44.(d)). However, if the applicant indicates that the pollutant is not involved in manufacturing processes at the facility, reduced monitoring frequencies shall be considered.

2) Screen against EOP values; no technology-based limits present for the pollutant being screened:

The Office of Environmental Services will adopt the policy set forth at EPA Region 6 regarding "reasonable potential" for a pollutant to exceed a water quality standard as expressed in a letter dated October 8, 1991 from Jack Ferguson, EPA Region 6 to Jesse Chang, LDEQ. See Appendix A with accompanying attachment. The estimate of the upper range of concentration or mass average EOP values has been set at the 95th percentile using the lognormal distribution. If the estimated 95th percentile of a data set for a pollutant exceeds the calculated effluent daily average WQBL, then effluent WQBL's shall be placed in the permit. The estimate of the 95th percentile is obtained by the following relationship:

average pollutant concentration or mass end-of-pipe (EOP) * 2.13 = 95th percentile average pollutant concentration or mass.

A single measurement of pollutant concentration/mass or the geometric mean of multiple measurements (#10) may be used to estimate the upper range value (95th percentile). The 95th percentile may be calculated directly from the data set if the data set contains greater than 20 values. Any single measurement or group of measurements with values reported below the MQL, shall be treated as a zero value, see section 7., Threshold Reporting.

If a data set contains a mix of values that are both above and below the MQL, the values that are below the MQL will be assumed to be present at a value of 50% of the MQL, unless specifically stated in the application. If the geometric mean(s) are not readily available or supplied with the application, the arithmetic mean(s) may be substituted for the geometric mean.

3) Deriving effluent WQBL's in nonattainment waters

a) STREAM BACKGROUND CONCENTRATIONS EXCEED WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Where the stream background pollutant concentrations exceed the water quality standard(s) at the point of application (chronic mixing zone, zone of initial dilution, or human health mixing zone), the Office of Environmental Services shall initiate the development of a TMDL, as time and resources permit, for the receiving stream. However, until the development of a TMDL, the Office of Environmental Services shall impose a water quality-based limit based on a Waste Load Allocation (WLA) that does not include a consideration of background pollutant concentration(s). A permit reopener clause shall be included in the permit to incorporate the results of the TMDL.

b) STREAM BACKGROUND CONTRIBUTIONS PLUS DISCHARGE CONTRIBUTIONS CAUSE EXCEEDANCE OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Where the stream background pollutant mass contributions plus discharge pollutant mass contributions result in an exceedance of the water quality standard(s) at the point of application (chronic mixing zone, zone of

initial dilution, or human health mixing zone), the Office of Environmental Services shall initiate the development of a TMDL, as time and resources permit, for the receiving stream. However, until the development of a TMDL, the Office of Environmental Services shall impose a water quality-based limit based on a Waste Load Allocation (WLA) that does not include a consideration of background pollutant concentration(s). A permit reopener clause shall be included in the permit to incorporate the results of the TMDL.

C. Permit Limit Units; Mass and Concentration

Permit limit units shall be established in accordance with 40 CFR '122.45.(f).

D. Examples

Numerical examples are included in Appendix D.

6. Sampling Frequency

As a matter of policy, the minimum sampling frequency will generally be set at the number of samples needed for adequate monitoring of overall treatment system performance (toxic, conventional, and nonconventional pollutants) with respect to the contaminants of primary concern and the parameters that are reflective of the adequacy of treatment system performance. Generally, this will be a minimum of once per week for chemical specific water quality based parameters. For contaminants which are not expected to be discharged, the sampling frequency may be less; e.g., for those priority pollutants that are not being discharged by an Organic Chemicals Plastics and Synthetic Fibers (OCPSF) facility, the sampling frequency will generally be set at once per year. In making the final determination, this Office will consider characteristics of the treatment system, effluent, the receiving stream, detection limits, and factors unique to sampling including analytical methods and turn around time. For example, quarterly sampling is determined appropriate for dioxin considering that current analysis (EPA method 1613) for dioxin is time consuming with laboratory turn around time typically exceeding six (6) weeks. The regulated community is encouraged to provide the Office of Environmental Services, at the time of permit application, data on those contaminants not expected or expected only infrequently in a facility's discharge.

7. Threshold Reporting

The Office of Environmental Services will generally implement Minimum Analytical Quantification Levels (MQL's) that are currently being used by EPA Region VI for detection limits. See Appendix B. However, the specified MQL's in Appendix B are subject to change. Using more sensitive analytical test methods, the Office may impose permittee effluent-specific MQL values lower than the listed MQL values in Appendix B for discharges to receiving streams with known water quality problems or for discharges to receiving streams where numerical criteria may be exceeded. If the calculated permit limit for any pollutant is less than the MQL, this Office will use the MQL to determine compliance, however the calculated limit will be put in the permit.

The permittee may develop an effluent specific method detection limit (MDL) in accordance with Appendix B to 40 CFR Part 136. For any pollutant for which the permittee determines an effluent specific MDL, the permittee shall send to EPA Region 6 and the Office of Environmental Services a report containing QA/QC documentation, analytical results, and calculations necessary to demonstrate that the effluent specific MDL was correctly calculated. An effluent specific minimum quantification level (MQL) shall be determined in accordance with the following calculation:

$$\text{MQL} = 3.3 \times \text{MDL}$$

Upon written approval by EPA Region 6 and the Office of Environmental Services, the effluent specific MQL may be utilized by the permittee for all future Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) calculations and reporting requirements.

8. Biological Toxicity Testing

The Office of Environmental Services will require the use of the most current EPA biomonitoring protocols except in the case of natural wetland discharges.

The wetland must first be designated as a naturally dystrophic water (LAC 33:IX.1109.C.3) and be so listed in LAC 33:IX.1123 Table 3, Numerical Criteria and Designated Uses. Such listing is subject to prior EPA approval (LAC 33:IX.1109.C.3.b). In the case of natural wetland discharges, if the Office determines that whole effluent toxicity tests are not an appropriate measure of protection of the biological and community integrity of the natural wetland system, then alternative biological monitoring methods will be implemented. This may include, but is not limited to, Rapid Bioassessments (RBA's), sediment analysis, vegetation analysis, community level analysis, hydrological evaluation or the use of alternative species.

Chronic toxicity tests shall generally be required of those discharges with potential toxicity (LAC 33:IX.1113.B.5) using critical dilutions as determined by an applicable dilution model (See section 5, "**Establishing Permit Limits**") for discharges into the waterbody categories as specified in LAC 33:IX.1115.D. However, the Office of Environmental Services reserves the right to impose equivalent acute toxicity testing in addition to, or in lieu of, chronic toxicity testing (LAC 33:IX.1121.B.3) for minor facilities (EPA Region 6 classification) or discharges that have a critical dilution of five percent (5%) or less. When data is available, a site specific acute to chronic ratio (ACR) may be calculated. An ACR of 10:1 can be used in the absence of site specific data. The Office of Environmental Services will use a 0.75 dilution series in accordance with EPA Region 6 policy; see Appendix C. Also, in accordance with EPA's Region 6 Post-Third Round Toxics Strategy, permits shall require biomonitoring at some frequency for the life of the permit or where available data show reasonable potential to cause lethality, the permit shall require a whole effluent toxicity (WET) limit. Biomonitoring requirements and screening for potential toxicity from priority pollutants are conducted on a treatment work treating domestic wastewater when its flow (design or expected) is greater than or equal to 1.0 MGD for POTW's.

Discharges into intermittent streams shall be required to conduct 48 hour acute toxicity tests at the critical dilution of 100% effluent for the intermittent stream. However, chronic aquatic standards shall be met at the permitted discharge point based on the downstream perennial waterbody's low flow conditions. Toxicity testing for discharges into man-made watercourses will depend upon the uses designated for each watercourse. Chronic tests at instream critical flows will be required for those man-made watercourses with full fish and wildlife propagation uses.

During the term of the permit, if biomonitoring data show actual or potential lethality at the critical dilution, permittees will be required to retest their effluent per current EPA guidance to determine if toxicity is persistent or occurs on a periodic basis. If effluent toxicity is persistent, whole effluent toxicity limits and/or a Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) requirement will be applied, as appropriate. If the data indicates some other form of toxicity (growth, reproduction, or intermittent lethality), the Office

will require biomonitoring at an increased frequency, and may require the facility to conduct a TRE.

In instances prior to permit issuance where available data demonstrate reasonable potential to cause lethality, the Office will use the procedures below to require a whole effluent toxicity limit (WET limit) in the permit. WET limits shall be permitted as 30-day average minimum (or daily average) No Observed Effect Concentration (NOEC) for both acute and chronic testing and either a 48-hour minimum NOEC for acute testing or 7-day minimum NOEC for chronic testing. However, the Office will review all available effluent and instream information before deciding to establish a limit.

LDEQ has established the following policy to determine whether an effluent has demonstrated reasonable potential to cause or contribute to instream toxicity.

Where the effluent fails the survival endpoint of a valid, permit-scheduled toxicity test, and also fails one or more of the required retests, the effluent will have met the definition of reasonable potential for WET. LPDES permits require the permittee to perform a 28-month Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE), upon such a demonstration. At the end of the TRE, LDEQ will consider all information submitted and establish appropriate controls to prevent future toxic discharges, including WET and/or chemical-specific limits. A chemical-specific limit may be substituted where LDEQ can clearly demonstrate, in the permit fact sheet, that the toxicity has been fully characterized, the toxicant identified and confirmed, and appropriate controls selected. Where appropriate, a compliance schedule of up to three years may be allowed to attain compliance. LDEQ recognizes that special circumstances may warrant other actions, and may make occasional exceptions to the above policy based on special circumstances, however no such action shall result in a lowered level of aquatic life protection.

The following charts provide the process for determining the biomonitoring testing frequency. The chart for WET Testing (Monitoring Only; No Limits) below gives a general approach for permittees with no history of toxicity problems. Appendix F should be referenced for details on eligibility for the monitoring frequencies stated below, and possibilities for increased and/or decreased monitoring frequencies over the life of a permit dependent on test performance. Permittees will be required to biomonitor for the life of the permit.

WET Testing (Monitoring Only; No Limits):

Discharge Receiving Waters	Test Type	Monitoring Frequency	
		Most Sensitive	Least Sensitive
Critical Dilution < 1%	Acute	1/year	1/year
All Others	Chronic	1/quarter (*1)	1/quarter (*1)
All Others	Acute	1/quarter (*1)	1/quarter (*1)

(*1) Upon successfully passing four quarters of WET testing, the permittee may request a reduction in monitoring frequency in accordance with Appendix F.

Generally, this shall be 1/6 months for the most sensitive species and 1/year for the least sensitive species upon certification of fulfillment of the WET testing requirements, and also providing that the effluent continues to exhibit no lethal or sub-lethal effects. See Appendix F for further explanation.

WET Limits:

Discharge Receiving Waters	Test Type	Monitoring Frequency	
		Most Sensitive	Least Sensitive
All	Chronic	1/quarter (*1)	1/quarter (*1)
All	Acute	1/quarter (*1)	1/quarter (*1)

(*1) There shall be no reduction in monitoring frequency for five (5) years from the effective date of the WET limit. See Appendix F for further explanation.

C. Test Species

For freshwater (average ambient salinity is < 2 ppt), acute tests will utilize Daphnia pulex and Pimephales promelas while chronic tests will utilize Ceriodaphnia dubia and Pimephales promelas.

For marine waters (average ambient salinity is \geq 2 ppt), Mysidopsis bahia and Menidia beryllina or Cyprinodon variegatus will be used for both acute and chronic tests.

9. Compliance Schedules

The Office of Environmental Services may include compliance schedules to allow adequate time to meet water quality based limits and progress reports will generally be required. Compliance schedules will generally be no longer than three years.

APPENDIX A

TEXT OF LETTER FERGUSON (EPA) TO CHANG (LDEQ) DATED 10/8/91 CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION OF THE NEED FOR WATER QUALITY-BASED PERMIT EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

The Region 6 Permits Branch has developed a procedure for effluent data analysis that we will use in FY92 to determine when a water quality based permit limitation is necessary. Our regulations call for the imposition of a permit limit if there is a "reasonable potential" to exceed a water quality standard. The limited effluent data obtained with the permit application may not represent a complete picture of the actual range of pollutant concentrations.

Assessing the potential to cause a water quality violation is one of many points which need to be covered in water quality standard implementation documents. To date, the only state permitting implementation to address "reasonable potential" is that developed by the Texas Water Commission. The Region 6 staff has worked up a sound and straightforward method that we will use in writing permits for the other states in the region, providing us with a workable alternative to the method described in the Technical Support Document for Toxics.

Our letter of January 3, 1991, described a statistical approach that would allow us to use a single piece of data or a small number of effluent measurements to estimate the upper range of concentrations that could be discharged and cause an exceedance of a standard. This procedure can be used to estimate the 95th percentile of an effluent data set, or the value that would be expected to exceed 95% of effluent concentrations in a discharge. The estimate of the 95th percentile is obtained by the following relationship:

$$\text{pollutant concentration} * 2.13 = 95\text{th percentile pollutant concentration}$$

The procedure is based upon the relationship of the geometric mean to the 95th percentile in a lognormal distribution, assumes a constant coefficient of variance and is independent of the number of data points considered.

A single measurement of pollutant concentration or the geometric mean of multiple measurements may be used to estimate the upper range value. The upper range estimate of the pollutant is then used to calculate the concentration of that toxic parameter after dilution in the receiving stream.

For example, if a permittee reported an effluent measurement of 4.0 µg/L of cadmium, the upper range of cadmium expected for that discharge would be estimated as 8.5 µg/L. The permit writer would determine if a discharge of 8.5 µg/L of cadmium would cause an exceedance of the applicable water quality criteria.

Our permit writers will begin using the above procedure in writing FY92 permits to examine the potential of a discharge to cause an excursion above a water quality standard. For Texas permits, reasonable potential to violate a standard will be assessed in the manner described in the TWC implementation policy. A permit limit will be imposed on Texas dischargers if the effluent

pollutant concentration is within 85% of the allowable value. The permittee will measure and report that parameter if within 70% of the limit.

All of our states should address the "reasonable potential" of a discharge to cause excursions above water quality standards in an implementation document or their Continuing Planning Process. They may reference the method Region 6 has developed or adopt something of equivalent stringency.

Accommodating the uncertainty in effluent data will be protective and will likely result in a higher number of permits containing water quality-based limits. We believe our approach will provide the permit writers with a consistent, clean and equitable technique of implementing water quality standards. Please let met know if you have any questions on this. If your staff has questions on the underlying statistics, they may speak with Jane Watson of my staff at (214) 655-7175.

ATTACHMENT TO LETTER FERGUSON (EPA) TO CHANG (LDEQ) DATED 10/8/91

REGION 6 APPROACH
DETERMINING REASONABLE POTENTIAL

Region 6 has developed a procedure to extrapolate limited data sets to better evaluate the potential for the higher effluent concentrations to exceed a State water quality standard. Our method yields an estimate of a selected upper percentile value. We believe that the most statistically valid estimate of an upper percentile value is a maximum likelihood estimator which is proportional to the population geometric mean. If one assumes the population of effluent concentrations to fit a lognormal distribution, this relationship is given by:

$$C_p = C_{mean} * \exp (Z_p * s - 0.5 * s^2)$$

where: Z_p = normal distribution factor at p^{th} percentile

$$s^2 = \ln(CV^2 + 1)$$

To calculate the maximum likelihood estimator of the 95th percentile, the specific relationship becomes:

$$C_{95} = C_{mean} * \exp (1.645 * s - 0.5 * s^2)$$

if CV is assumed = 0.6,

$$s^2 = .307$$

The ratio of the estimated 95th percentile value to the mean (C95/Cmean) is calculated :

$$C95/Cmean = 2.13$$

A single effluent value or the geometric mean of a group of values is multiplied by the ratio to yield the estimate of the 95th percentile value.

The following table shows the ratio of the upper percentile to the mean for the 90th, 95th, and 99th percentiles

Ratio of Upper Percentiles to Geometric Mean

Percentile	Z	C%/Cmean
90	1.283	1.74
95	1.645	2.13
99	2.386	3.11

APPENDIX B

MINIMUM QUANTIFICATION LEVELS (MQLs)

LOUISIANA SURFACE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Minimum quantification levels for state water quality numerical standards-based effluent limitations are set at the following values based on the listed published analytical methods (SM = Standard Methods, 16th Edition).

<u>NONCONVENTIONAL</u>	<u>MQL (µg/L)</u>	<u>BASED ON EPA METHOD</u>
Phenolics, Total Recoverable (4AAP)	5	420.1
3-Chlorophenol	10	625
4-Chlorophenol	10	625
2,3-Dichlorophenol	10	625
2,4-Dichlorophenol	10	625
2,5-Dichlorophenol	10	625
2,6-Dichlorophenol	10	625
3,4-Dichlorophenol	10	625
2,4-D	10	509B (SM)
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	4	509B (SM)
<u>METALS</u>		
Arsenic (Total)	10	206.2
Cadmium (Total)	1	213.2
Chromium (3+)	10	200.7
Chromium (6+)	10	200.7
Copper (Total)	10	220.2
Lead (Total)	5	239.2
Mercury (Total)	0.2	245.1
Nickel (Total) [Freshwater]	40	200.7
Nickel (Total) [Marine]	5	249.2
Zinc (Total)	20	289.2
<u>DIOXIN</u>		
2,3,7,8-TCDD	0.00001	1613
<u>VOLATILE COMPOUNDS</u>		
Benzene	10	624
Bromoform	10	624
Bromodichloromethane	10	624
Carbon Tetrachloride	10	624
Chlorodibromomethane	10	624
Chloroform	10	624
Dichlorobromomethane	10	624
1,2-Dichloroethane	10	624
1,1-Dichloroethylene	10	624
1,3-Dichloropropylene	10	624
Ethylbenzene	10	624
Methyl Chloride	50	624

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Methylene Chloride	20	624
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	10	624
Tetrachloroethylene	10	624
Toluene	10	624
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	10	624
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	10	624
Trichloroethylene	10	624
Vinyl Chloride	10	624

ACID COMPOUNDS

2-Chlorophenol	10	625
2,4-Dichlorophenol	10	625

BASE/NEUTRAL

Benzidine	50	625
Hexachlorobenzene	10	625
Hexachlorobutadiene	10	625

PESTICIDES

Aldrin	0.05	608
Gamma-BHC (Lindane)	0.05	608
Chlorodane	0.2	608
4,4'-DDT	0.1	608
4,4'-DDE	0.1	608
4,4'-DDD	0.1	608
Dieldrin	0.1	608
Alpha-Endosulfan	0.1	608
Beta-Endosulfan	0.1	608
Endrin	0.1	608
Heptachlor	0.05	608
PCB-1242	1.0	608
PCB-1254	1.0	608
PCB-1221	1.0	608
PCB-1232	1.0	608
PCB-1248	1.0	608
PCB-1260	1.0	608
PCB-1016	1.0	608
Toxaphene	5.0	608

APPENDIX C

TEXT OF LETTER NORTON AND GARDNER (EPA-REGION 6) TO STENGER (EPA-REGION 6)
DATED 1/8/91 CONCERNING WET LIMIT DILUTION SERIES

We recommend setting a constant dilution series for WET limits that brackets the critical dilution set as the NOEC (No Observed Effect Concentration). There are a number of benefits derived from taking this approach that we recommend will result in the use of the most efficient, powerful, and scientifically defensible statistical procedure (parametric analysis). In addition, this approach provides for consistency and permit writer ease. The new Acute Manual for toxicity testing (Sept. 1991) recommends using a 0.5 or greater dilution series. After looking at the dilution series produced by various factors for use in WET limits, we chose 0.75 as the factor which dealt dilution concentrations from low-end critical dilutions to high-end critical dilutions. This 0.75 dilution series factor was chosen for several reasons. First, this value produced dilution series which provided reasonable separation between concentrations at all critical dilutions. Second, this value does not allow any dilution concentration for any given critical dilution an exposure concentration that exceeds approximately three (3) times the critical dilution of that given series. This allows for adequate difference in dilution concentrations without significantly increasing the potential for zero variability within groups of a given dilution concentration (leading then to the use of the less preferable statistical procedure, non-parametric analysis). Finally, the 0.75 dilution series factor follows the recommendations set forth in the new Acute toxicity testing manual.

The attached table lists critical dilutions from 1 to 100 with the dilution series corresponding to the use of the 0.75 dilution factor. The concentrations are rounded off to the nearest whole number. This table could be incorporated into the Permit Writers Guide along with the rationale for choosing this factor. Permit writers (example, Arizona Chemical NOEC = 4.8%) may wish to calculate their own series using the 0.75 factor for precision purposes.

0.75 DILUTION SERIES

			CRITICAL DILUTION	

0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.3
0.8	1.1	1.5	2.0	2.7
1.3	1.7	2.3	3.0	4.0
1.7	2.3	3.0	4.0	5.3
2.1	2.8	3.8	5.0	6.7
2.5	3.4	4.5	6.0	8.0
3	4	5	7	9
3	5	6	8	11
4	5	7	9	12
4	6	8	10	13

			CRITICAL DILUTION	

5	6	8	11	15
5	7	9	12	16
5	7	10	13	17
6	8	11	14	19
6	8	11	15	20
7	9	12	16	21
7	10	13	17	23
8	10	14	18	24
8	11	14	19	25
8	11	15	20	27
9	12	16	21	28
9	12	17	22	29
10	13	17	23	31
10	14	18	24	32
11	14	19	25	33
11	15	20	26	35
11	15	20	27	36
12	16	21	28	37
12	16	22	29	39
13	17	23	30	40
13	17	23	31	41
14	18	24	32	43
14	19	25	33	44
14	19	26	34	45
15	20	26	35	47
15	20	27	36	48
16	21	28	37	49
16	21	29	38	51
16	22	29	39	52
17	23	30	40	53
17	23	31	41	55
18	24	32	42	56
18	24	32	43	57
19	25	33	44	59
19	25	34	45	60
19	26	35	46	61
20	26	35	47	63
20	27	36	48	64
21	28	37	49	65
21	28	38	50	67
22	29	38	51	68
22	29	39	52	69
22	30	40	53	71
23	30	41	54	72
23	31	41	55	73
24	32	42	56	75
24	32	43	57	76
24	33	44	58	77

			CRITICAL DILUTION		

	25	33	44	59	79
	25	34	45	60	80
	26	34	46	61	81
	26	35	47	62	83
	27	35	47	63	84
	27	36	48	64	85
	27	37	49	65	87
	28	37	50	66	88
	28	38	50	67	89
	29	38	51	68	91
	29	39	52	69	92
	30	39	53	70	93
	30	40	53	71	95
	30	41	54	72	96
	31	41	55	73	97
	31	42	56	74	99
	32	42	56	75	100
24	32	43	57	76	
24	32	43	58	77	
25	33	44	59	78	
25	33	44	59	79	
25	34	45	60	80	
26	34	46	61	81	
26	35	46	62	82	
26	35	47	62	83	
27	35	47	63	84	
27	36	48	64	85	
27	36	48	65	86	
28	37	49	65	87	
28	37	50	66	88	
28	38	50	67	89	
28	38	51	68	90	
29	38	51	68	91	
29	39	52	69	92	
29	39	52	70	93	
30	40	53	71	94	
30	40	53	71	95	
30	41	54	72	96	
31	41	55	73	97	
31	41	55	74	98	
31	42	56	74	99	
32	42	56	75	100	

APPENDIX D

EXAMPLE OF WATER QUALITY BASED LIMIT CALCULATION AND SCREENING PROCEDURES

A facility is discharging 0.5 MGD (2 year, 30-day max) into a stream with a critical flow of 6.189 cfs or 4 MGD. The harmonic mean is 16.091 cfs or 10.4 MGD. The flow basis for calculating effluent WQBL's and technology based limits shall be the same for this example. Assume 1 final outfall. The sample pollutant of concern is benzene. The designated uses for the hypothetical receiving stream include primary and secondary contact recreation and aquatic life propagation. The designated uses of the hypothetical stream do not include drinking water supply. HHc or hhc stands for "human health carcinogen". HHnc or hhnc stands for "human health non-carcinogen".

The numerical criteria (Cr) for benzene are:

Freshwater acute aquatic life = 2249 ug/L
Freshwater chronic aquatic life = 1125 ug/L
Human health, non-drinking water = 12.5 ug/L
Benzene is a listed human health carcinogen.

Technology-based limits for benzene are:

OCPSF Guideline, Subpart J,
for Benzene, Daily Maximum = 134 ug/L
OCPSF Guideline, Subpart J,
for Benzene, Maximum 30-Day = 57 ug/L

Reported end-of-pipe values for benzene are:

Maximum 30-Day Avg.= 150 ug/L
Daily Maximum = 320 ug/L

$Q_e = 0.5$ MGD

$Q_{ra} = 4$ MGD

$Q_{rhhnc} = 10.4$ MGD

$F_s = 1$ for MZ and 0.1 for ZID

$$\begin{aligned}\text{ZID Dilution} &= \frac{(0.5)}{(4)*(0.1) + (0.5)} \\ &= 0.5556\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{MZ Dilution} &= \frac{(0.5)}{(4)*(1) + (0.5)} \\ &= 0.1111\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{HHc Dilution} &= \frac{(0.5)}{(10.4)*(1) + (0.5)} \\ &= 0.0459\end{aligned}$$

Benzene is a carcinogen, so the human health non-carcinogen dilution calculation was not necessary.

Acute protection at ZID: Chronic protection at MZ: Human health:

$$WLA_a = \frac{2249 \text{ ug/L}}{0.5556}$$

$$= 4048 \text{ ug/L}$$

$$WLA_c = \frac{1125 \text{ ug/L}}{0.1111}$$

$$= 10,126 \text{ ug/L}$$

$$WLA_h = \frac{12.5 \text{ ug/L}}{0.0459}$$

$$= 272.5 \text{ ug/L}$$

$$LTA_a = 4048 \text{ ug/L} \times 0.32$$
$$= 1295 \text{ ug/L}$$

$$LTA_c = 10126 \text{ ug/L} \times 0.53$$
$$= 5367 \text{ ug/L}$$

$$LTA_h = 272.5 \text{ ug/L}$$

The limiting parameter is $LTA_h = 272.5 \text{ ug/L}$

WQBL's:

$$\text{Daily Maximum} = 272.5 \text{ ug/L} \times 2.38 = 648.5 \text{ ug/L}$$

$$\text{Maximum 30-Day Avg.} = 272.5 \text{ ug/L (no multiplier used if human health)}$$

Converting to mass using mass balance formula ($\text{mg/L} \times \text{MGD} \times 8.34$):

$$\text{Daily Maximum} = 648.5 \text{ ug/L} / 1000 \times 0.5 \text{ MGD} \times 8.34 = 2.704 \text{ lbs/day}$$

$$\text{Maximum 30-Day Avg.} = 272.5 \text{ ug/L} / 1000 \times 0.5 \text{ MGD} \times 8.34 = 1.136 \text{ lbs/day}$$

Screening Procedure; Technology Based Limits:

First, technology limits need to be set for the hypothetical facility:

Mass limits need to be calculated for the technology-based limits, which in this case are the Organic Chemicals, Plastics, and Synthetic Fibers (OCPSF) guidelines, Subpart J, which are concentration based for the toxics and include the pollutant benzene:

OCPSF Subpart J Guideline for benzene:

$$\text{Maximum 30-Day Avg.} = 57 \text{ ug/L or } 0.057 \text{ mg/L}$$

$$\text{Daily Maximum} = 134 \text{ ug/L or } 0.134 \text{ mg/L}$$

OCPSF Guideline concentration \times Flow \times 8.34 = technology mass limit for benzene:

$$\text{Maximum 30-Day} = 0.057 \text{ mg/L} \times 0.5 \text{ MGD} \times 8.34 = 0.24 \text{ lbs/day}$$

$$\text{Daily Maximum} = 0.134 \text{ mg/L} \times 0.5 \text{ MGD} \times 8.34 = 0.56 \text{ lbs/day}$$

Screening; choose the lesser of the calculated effluent WQBL's and technology-based limits:

$$\text{Maximum 30-Day Avg. effluent WQBL} = 1.14 \text{ lbs/day}$$

$$\text{Maximum 30-Day OCPSF Guideline limit} = 0.24 \text{ lbs/day}$$

$$\text{Daily Maximum effluent WQBL} = 2.70 \text{ lbs/day}$$

$$\text{Daily Maximum OCPSF Guideline limit} = 0.56 \text{ lbs/day}$$

For both Maximum 30-Day Avg. and Daily Maximum limits, technology was the lesser or more limiting value.

Resulting permit limits at the final outfall:

$$\text{Maximum 30-Day Avg.} = 0.24 \text{ lbs/day}$$

Daily Maximum = 0.56 lbs/day

Screening Procedure Using Reported End-of-Pipe (EOP) Values in the Absence of Technology-Based Limits:

For this example, let's assume that there are no appropriate technology-based limits (OCPSF) available for the pollutant of concern, benzene. First, "reasonable potential" for exceeding the maximum 30-day effluent WQBL needs to be established:

As stated in section 5.B, "reasonable potential" is established by multiplying the average reported EOP value by 2.13. "Reasonable potential" addresses the statistical likelihood that a reported discharge value would or would not exceed an effluent WQBL. This is set at 95% confidence using a lognormal distribution as stated in section 5.B.

"Reasonable potential" calculation:

$0.15 \text{ mg/L} \times 2.13 = 0.32 \text{ mg/L}$

Use mass balance to convert concentration to mass for screening purposes:

$0.32 \text{ mg/L} \times 0.5 \text{ MGD} \times 8.34 = 1.33 \text{ lbs/day}$

Screening; compare the calculated maximum 30-day effluent WQBL and the results of the "reasonable potential" calculation:

Maximum 30-Day Avg. effluent WQBL	= 1.14 lbs/day
Reported EOP value x 2.13	= 1.33 lbs/day

If the reported EOP value x 2.13 is greater than the calculated maximum 30-day Avg. effluent WQBL then both maximum 30-day Avg. and daily maximum effluent WQBL's shall be placed in the permit. Generally, if the reported EOP value x 2.13 is less than the calculated maximum 30-day Avg. effluent WQBL, no numerical limit would be placed in the permit, however monitoring may be required on a BPJ basis. Since the reported EOP value x 2.13 is greater than the calculated maximum 30-day Avg. effluent WQBL, the limits would be as follows:

Maximum 30-Day Avg. = 1.14 lbs/day
Daily Maximum = 2.70 lbs/day

APPENDIX E

CARCINOGEN AND NON-CARCINOGEN
DESIGNATIONS FOR NUMERICAL CRITERIA

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cancer Group</u>
Carcinogen*	
1. Aldrin	B2
2. Chlordane	B2
3. DDT	B2
4. TDE (DDD)	B2
5. DDE	B2
6. Dieldrin	B2
7. Heptachlor	B2
8. Lindane (Hexachlorocyclohexane, gamma BHC)	B2 (Potency Slope Factor Pending)
9. PCB	B2
10. Toxaphene	B2
11. Benzene	A
12. Carbon Tetrachloride	B2
13. Chloroform	B2
14. 1,2-Dichloroethane (EDC)	B2
15. 1,1,2-Trichloroethane	C
16. 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	C
17. 1,1-Dichloroethylene	C
18. Trichloroethylene	B2
19. Tetrachloroethylene	B2
20. Vinyl Chloride	A
21. Bromoform	B2
22. Bromodichloromethane	C
23. Methylene Chloride	B2
24. Methyl Chloride	B2 (Human Health Criteria Removed)
25. Dibromochloromethane	B2
26. Benzidine	A
27. Hexachlorobenzene (HCB)	B2
28. Hexachlorobutadiene (HCBd)	C
29. 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin	B2
30. Chromium VI	-
Non-Carcinogen*	
1. Endosulfan	-
2. Endrin	D
3. Ethylbenzene	D
4. Toluene	D
5. 1,1,1-Trichloroethane	D (Human Health Criteria Removed)

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6. 1,3-Dichloropropene	-
7. 2-Chlorophenol	-
8. 3-Chlorophenol	-
9. 4-Chlorophenol	-
10. 2,3-Dichlorophenol	-
11. 2,4-Dichlorophenol	-
12. 2,5-Dichlorophenol	-
13. 2,6-Dichlorophenol	-
14. 3,4-Dichlorophenol	-
15. Phenol (Total)	-
16. Arsenic	-
17. Chromium III	-
18. Zinc	-
19. Cadmium	-
20. Copper	-
21. Lead	-
22. Mercury	-
23. Nickel	-
24. Cyanide	-

*Based on EPA Carcinogen Classification System

A - Human Carcinogen, Adequate Human Data

B2- Probable Human Carcinogen, Adequate Animal Data - Inadequate Human Data

C - Possible Human Carcinogen, Inadequate Animal Data - No Human Data

D - Not Classifiable as to Human Carcinogenicity

APPENDIX F

EPA Region 6 Post-Third Round Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing Frequencies
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All major dischargers, and those minor dischargers specifically identified by EPA or the State permitting authority (based on available information on a case-by-case basis) as posing a significant unaddressed toxic risk, will be required to perform Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing at a frequency of once per quarter for the vertebrate and invertebrate tests species for the first year of a new or reissued permit. This represents the minimum WET testing frequency requirements. Where a facility poses an increased toxic risk due to the nature of its activities (e.g., accepting external waste streams, a history of WET test failures, or reported discharges of toxic compounds in toxic amounts) it is appropriate to increase the monitoring frequency and/or extend quarterly testing for the life of the permit. To be considered, all tests submitted must meet all test acceptability criteria as set forth in the permit and EPA WET test method guidance manuals.

If there are no significant lethal or sub-lethal effects demonstrated at or below the critical dilution during the first four quarters of testing, the permittee may certify fulfillment of the WET testing requirements in writing to the permitting authority and WET testing may be reduced to not less than once per six months for the more sensitive species and not less than once per year for the less sensitive test species for the remainder of the life of the permit. If toxicity is demonstrated in future testing, confirmation testing is required. A TRE is required upon confirmation of significant lethal effects, and the permitting authority may require a TRE for repeated toxic incidents demonstrating lethal and/or sub-lethal effects, even though a TRE was not automatically triggered during toxicity confirmation testing.

If, during the first four quarters of WET testing there is a significant lethal effect demonstrated at or below the critical dilution, the permittee must perform two monthly toxicity confirmation tests for the affected species during the next two consecutive months. If either confirmation test demonstrates toxicity at or below the critical dilution, a TRE is required. If neither confirmation test demonstrates toxicity, the testing frequency returns to once per quarter and a decrease in WET testing frequency is not allowed for that test species. Confirmation tests may not be submitted for fulfillment of any quarterly testing requirement. If toxicity is demonstrated and confirmed later during the life of the permit, a TRE is required.

If, during the initial testing period, there are no significant lethal effects demonstrated, but a sub-lethal effect is demonstrated at or below the critical dilution, the permittee must perform two monthly confirmation tests for the affected species during the next two consecutive months. If more than one sub-lethal effect is demonstrated during the initial test period, the permittee must continue quarterly testing for the affected species until no sub-lethal effects are demonstrated for four consecutive quarters of testing.

Upon demonstration of no significant sub-lethal effects for four consecutive

quarters, the toxicity testing frequency for the affected species may be reduced to not less than once per six months.

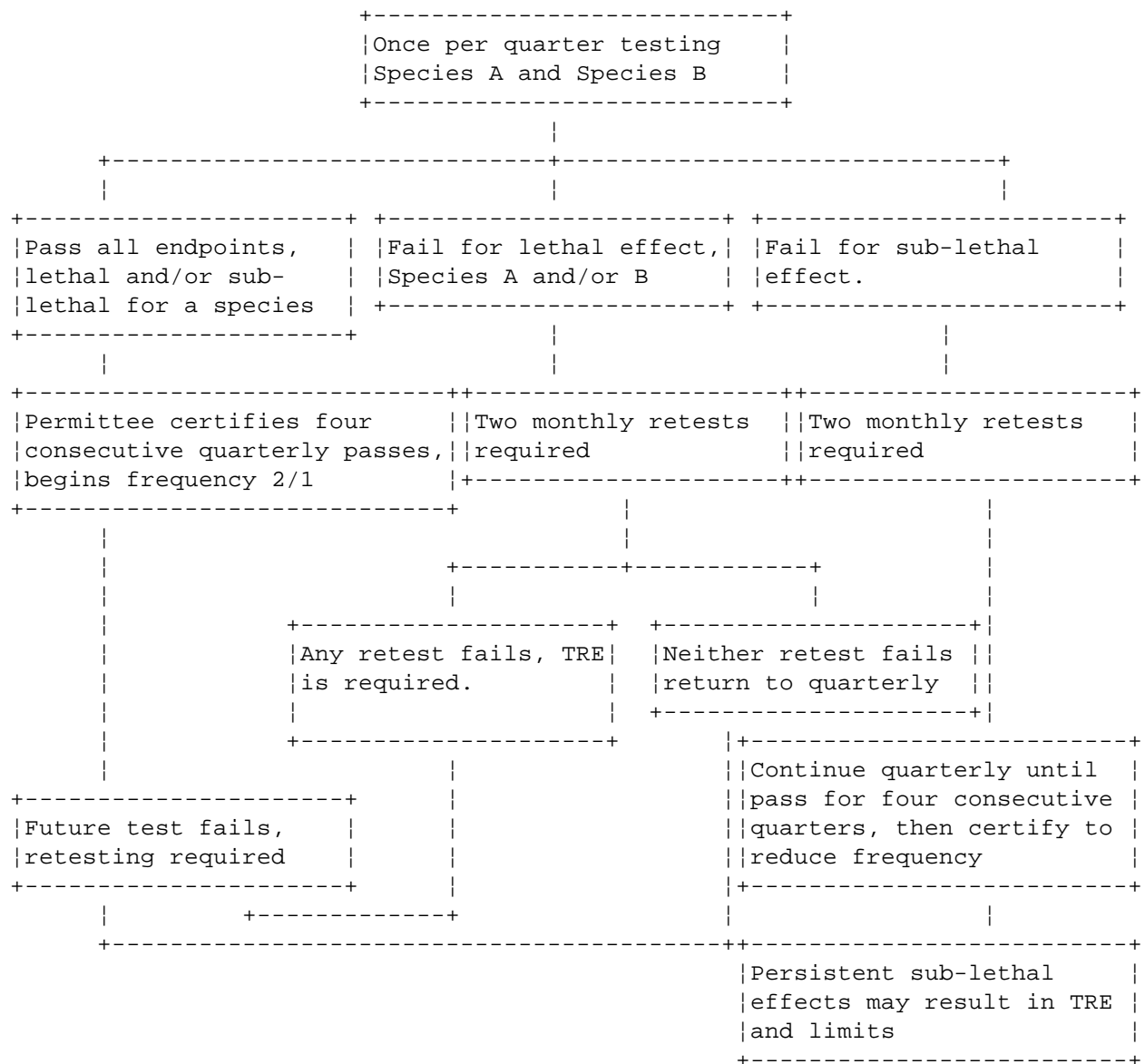
Where lethal toxicity is intermittent, increased testing frequency is recommended and a TRE may be appropriate. Where sub-lethal toxicity is persistent, a TRE may be appropriate. In these cases the permittee should be directed to always obtain sufficient sample to perform toxicant characterization if the test proves toxic.

The permit should be written such that WET testing frequency for a species may be automatically reduced after meeting the conditions described above, contingent upon the permittee's certification of such in writing to the permitting agency. The permittee's certification must also state that all tests have met all test acceptability criteria in the permit and the appropriate EPA WET test method manual.

Where a WET limit has been incorporated into the permit, quarterly testing is required for the affected species for the first five years following the effective date of the WET limit. Following successful completion of this period with no demonstrations of lethal or sub-lethal effects, a reduction in frequency may be appropriate.

EPA recognizes the need for flexibility to address special instances where a differing WET monitoring frequency requirement is appropriate. EPA will work with the state agencies to address these instances on a case-by-case basis.

Minimum WET Testing Frequency Flow Chart



This flow chart represents the MINIMUM WET testing frequencies for major dischargers. Additional WET testing may be appropriate.